



## Cantor Frieder Performs To Mark Improvement of Jewish-Catholic Relations *Continues Efforts Started by Rabbi Waxman*

by Marc Katz, Editor

Temple Israel's long history of seeking improved relations for Jews with the Catholic Church took another step forward recently when Cantor Raphael Frieder took part in a concert in Rome's Great Synagogue to celebrate 25-years of Israeli diplomatic relations with the Vatican.

The concert, sponsored by the Israeli embassy, had many Vatican officials among the 500 people in attendance. "This was a unique event which evoked the spirit of Rabbi Mordecai Waxman," Cantor Frieder said. "I felt honored to participate in this concert, particularly because Rabbi Waxman, with whom I worked for 11 years, was an instrumental figure in establishing the relationship between the Jewish people and the Catholic Church. This step paved the way to the diplomatic relationship between the Church and the State of Israel. I felt that I was given the opportunity to contribute to what Rabbi Waxman started."

Cantor Frieder and Cantor Ofer Barnoy of Temple Beth Sholom of Roslyn  
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Cantor Frieder, at top, performing at Rome's Great Synagogue in celebration of 25-years of Israeli-Vatican relations. Joining him, above, are Vatican representative Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Cantor Ofer Barnoy of Temple Beth Sholom of Roslyn, and Cantor Nathan Lam of the Stephen Wise Temple in Los Angeles, who organized the performance.

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## On Finding a New ‘Home’

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**A Voice Guest Column** by Jamey Kohn

EDITOR’S NOTE: Jamey Kohn started his new position as Temple Israel’s executive director at the start of this month.

It is with great pleasure that I begin my service to the Temple Israel of Great Neck family as its next executive director. I do not come empty handed. I bring with me a dozen years of fundraising experience assisting synagogues, Jewish community

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centers and other Jewish organizations throughout the United States making their dreams of new buildings, renovations, and endowments a reality.

Finally settling down, I was given the opportunity to call one synagogue my own—The Merrick Jewish Centre. For the past nine years I have facilitated and/or co-chaired countless events, campaigns, concerts, and picnics, planned Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, baby namings, Auf Rufs, and weddings, all while playing an integral role in membership growth and development and running the operations of a busy shul.

While it is with sadness that I am leaving my Merrick family, the prospect of serving the premier Conservative synagogue of the North Shore of Long Island was an opportunity that I could not let pass.

I look forward to working alongside Rabbi Stecker, newly elected President Burton Weston, and the entire clergy, staff and Board of Directors. I look forward to working with the Religious School, Beth HaGan, Sisterhood, Men’s Club, and all of the various arms of Temple Israel.

Admittedly, one of my favorite experiences is when a few congregants come to me with just an idea of a program, and we work together to build it into something wonderful. My office door will always be open to anyone in need of advice, assistance, to air a grievance, or to those who simply want to say “hello.” Please stop by so I may greet you in person, or feel free to give me a call, send an email or even a text.

Wishing you a wonderful summer,  
B’Shalom

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**From the Rabbi** by Rabbi Howard Stecker

Historically in Jewish practice, people would use their father’s names in public ritual moments (like being called to the Torah or recorded in one’s ketubah) and their mother’s names as part of the prayer for healing. While at Temple Israel we have adopted the practice of using both parents’ names for public situations, we often retain the practice of using only the mother’s name when we pray for a person’s healing.

From time to time I have wondered about that. Why are we appropriately egalitarian when it comes to the public realm but we tend to retain strict gender norms when it comes to the Mi Sheberakh prayer for healing?

During this past holiday of Sukkot, one of our sons needed emergency surgery. Thankfully he has recovered, though the

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**We know that fathers and mothers alike educate advocate, worry and embrace.**

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recovery took longer than the doctors expected and the entire situation caused considerable anxiety all around.

As you would imagine, I often added our son’s name to the communal Mi Sheberakh prayer when I was at services. When I did so, I instinctively included only Deanna’s name. Though

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## Community Broadening

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**From the President** by Burton Weston

This is the first of what I anticipate will be many opportunities to share my thoughts, observations, hopes, and plans for the Temple Israel community as incoming president. I am honored, admittedly a little nervous, but excited to be able to serve the synagogue’s membership and have a hand in guiding an institution with not only a long-cherished history, but an opportunity to continue and grow as a leader in the Conservative movement.

We each touch the synagogue for many different reasons at different times in our lives—for spiritual guidance and a need for inner peace and

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growth, to celebrate a simcha or life event, to seek support during difficult times, for friendship, for learning, for understanding, and sometimes just for simple comfort. Our relationship with the synagogue is certainly different depending where we are in our life cycle—our priorities change over time as do our wants and needs.

But, there is one constant. An amazing community of synagogue members who we can at times lean on, share life experiences with, laugh with, cry with, and find comfort with. An amazing collection of people who contribute to a diverse community, bring a lot to the table every day and who, most importantly, are there for each other.

As one of the largest Conservative congregations on Long Island, however, we owe a commitment to a larger community of Jews in the area. We each can be richer by outreach and connection. As Rob Panzer, our outgoing president, aptly observed in his last column, the changing landscape of American Judaism, and the Conservative movement in

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## In Memoriam

Temple Israel extends condolences  
to the families of:

### MARC SCHWARTZ

esteemed member of Temple Israel

### LEONARD SESKIN

husband of Yvette Seskin  
and esteemed member of Temple Israel

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husband of Sylvia Blank  
and esteemed member of Temple Israel

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mother of Jonathan Tillem

### ROBERT PERGAMENT

father of Lori Dorman

### BEREL SEGAL

father of Lori Oppenheimer

*May their memories be for a blessing.*

## Mazal Tov To...

- **Deanna and Rabbi Howard Stecker**  
on the engagement of their son,  
Daniel, to Rebecca Rimsky.
  - **Eva Yarett**  
on the engagement of her grandson,  
Gabriel Slater, to Lauren Bridge.
  - **Carol and Steve Smolinsky**  
on the engagement of their son,  
David, to Natalie Williams.
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on the birth of their grandson,  
Ari Aaron Sohayegh.
- **Wendy Fried Oginski and Gerry Oginski**  
on the birth of their grandson,  
Aiden Noah Goodstein.
  - **Rahel Musleah**  
on the marriage of her daughter,  
Shoshana Klayman, to Ian Altman.

## Candle Lighting Times

**Friday, July 12**  
8:09 P.M.

**Friday, July 19**  
8:05 P.M.

**Friday, July 26**  
8:00 P.M.

**Friday, August 2**  
7:53 P.M.

**Friday, August 9**  
7:45 P.M.

## Upcoming Events at Temple Israel

### July 14

Temple Israel Trip to 11:00 A.M.  
Sunken Meadow State Park

### July 18

Board of Trustees Meeting 8:15 P.M.

### July 19

Sisterhood Shabbat 6:30 P.M.  
Service, Dinner and Lecture:  
"Shabbat in Romania" with  
Guest Speaker Barbara Schultz

### July 26

BBQ and Bar'khu 7:30 P.M.

### July 28

Temple Israel and the 2:00 P.M.  
Great Neck Chinese Association's  
"Let's Make a Splash" at  
Whitney Pond Park Pool

### August 11

Tish'ah Be'av

### August 15

Board of Trustees Meeting 8:15 P.M.

### August 16

Beth HaGan Nursery School  
Summer Program Ends

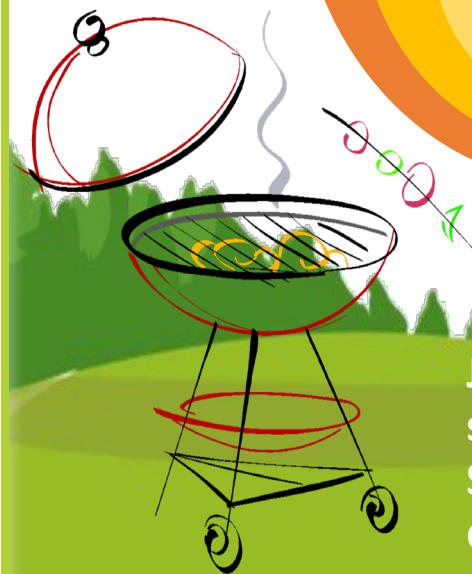
# WELCOME SHABBAT

# BBQ & BAR'KHU

## Friday, July 26

### Service - 6:30 PM

### BBQ Dinner - 7:30 PM



Join us for an outdoor  
service followed by a BBQ  
Shabbat dinner. Vegetarian  
options available.

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\*Weather permitting service will be held on the front lawn of the synagogue. In case of rain, service will be held indoors. Dinner will be indoors in either case.

# The Torah and Rabbits

by Rabbi Daniel Schweber

Hopefully, many of you are able to enjoy a slower pace in the summer. It is important for all of us to take the opportunity to rest from the hectic pace and anxieties of daily life. But, it doesn't have to be in the summer, and we don't even need to leave home. We can go outdoors and enjoy the pool and nearby parks. We can also escape by reading some good books.

Books, both novels and non-fiction, give us an opportunity to leave the

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an opportunity to leave  
the world behind a little.**

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world behind a little. We can indulge our imaginations, experience emotions and enjoy ourselves. And like a vacation away, we can very well return refreshed and maybe a little changed.

This summer I am dedicating some of my discussions to various books. The first book I discussed was *Watership Down* by Richard Adams. I compared the book's leadership lessons to the Torah episode where Moses' cousin, Korach, and 250 others challenge his leadership. After discovering the book, I learned that it was made into a film in 1978 and just last year into a Netflix miniseries.

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## Daily Minyan Times

**Fridays, July 19 & 26**  
7:00 A.M. 6:30 P.M.

**Friday, August 2**  
6:45 A.M. 6:30 P.M.

**Sunday**  
8:15 A.M. 8:00 P.M.

**Monday**  
6:45 A.M. 8:00 P.M.

**Tuesday & Wednesday**  
7:00 A.M. 8:00 P.M.

**Thursday**  
6:45 A.M. 8:00 P.M.

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On its surface, *Watership Down* is a children's book where talking rabbits are the main characters. In reality, it is a book for all ages. *Watership Down* begins by taking us to Sandleford Warren, an ancient community of rabbits living on a hillside in Southeast England. There are humans around with their hirdudu, as the rabbits call cars. There are the elil, the thousand species of enemies. There is Frith the Creator and El-Hare-Rah, the mystical rabbit that gave rabbits their speed and cunning to sneak into gardens.

The rabbits in the warren are organized into a strict hierarchy based on size. Small rabbits are left to live a life of obscurity and anonymity. We immediately meet two of these tiny bunnies; brothers Hazel and Fiver. Fiver has prophetic visions that he shares with Hazel and it is up to Hazel to decide whether to heed them or not.

Fiver has visions of Sandleford Warren being destroyed, with all of the rabbits dying a violent death. The chief rabbit laughs the visions off, but Fiver and Hazel and a few other 'believers' flee the Sandleford.

We, the readers, follow this ragtag group of rabbits as they create a new community from scratch with new rules and ways of relating to one another. The old warren, with its strict rules and hierarchy, did not allow for much individualism, growth and discovery.

The narrator describes the new leadership structure of this group. I will conclude my summary of the book with a couple of quotes: "They had come closer together, relying on and valuing each other's capacities. They knew now that it was on these and nothing else that their lives depended, and they were not going to waste anything they possessed between them."

There are some interesting parallels between *Watership Down* and the Torah. Fiver, the humble prophet, with his brother helping him, can be

compared to Moses and Aaron. The rabbits journey to a promised warren that Fiver envisions in his dream. For the journey to be successful, the rabbits, like the Israelites, need to have faith in themselves and in their leader. They also need to be prepared for challenges. The food isn't always good. Water is scarce. There are obstacles and enemies in your way. But the goal of building a better life is possible. Here are a few lessons that I gleaned from *Watership Down*:

- The goal of leadership should always be to benefit the group and its individual members.
- Diversity is good and should be encouraged and utilized. We all have different talents and the collective is more successful when each person can contribute.
- Experimentation is good and new ideas should be embraced. Problems are best solved with creative solutions.
- Gender bias and other cultural biases are real. We have to try harder to fulfill Dr. King's dream of judging people by the content of their character. A rabbit is a rabbit. A person is a person, regardless of how they look, their station in life etc.
- Be wary of hierarchies. Complex organizations can have structure, otherwise decisions cannot be made. But there cannot be discrimination and exclusion of people. You never know where the essential piece of knowledge will come from.

When you finish a book, it is time to return to reality. Alas, our short escape is over. In the month of July I cannot help but think that these leadership lessons and others are the secret sauce that makes America successful. Often, the term "rugged individualism" is bandied about. I think instead we should focus on 'everyone's ability and freedom to be themselves and to contribute our very best to ourselves, family, friends, community, and country. Sometimes to learn timely and practical lessons, we have to open a book and learn from bunnies.

# A Temple Israel Scrapbook

Temple Israel marked Yom Hashoah with a moving observance in the Sanctuary featuring a presentation by Holocaust survivor Anita Weisbord.

Mrs. Weisbord was only 15-years old when she was put on a trainload of Jewish children escaping war torn Europe. Although her parents were humiliated by Nazi troops before being sent to concentration camps, the teen was left to fend for herself far from her German controlled homeland.

In 1939, Mrs. Weisbord took the famous train ride to safety in England, known as the kindertransport, along with thousands of other Jewish children. In London she met another refugee, Harry Weisbord, who she married in 1946. The couple eventually came to the United States.

The service began with Temple Israel's Holocaust survivors entering a darkened Sanctuary holding Shoah memorial candles, accompanied by members of their family and children from the congregation's Religious School. As they entered, Rabbi Marim D. Charry announced their names and their former hometown in Europe.

The service also featured the Temple Israel Children's Choir, conducted by Cantor Raphael Frieder, and the Shireinu Choir of Long Island, conducted by Deborah Tartell.

The service, in commemoration of the six million Jews murdered by the Nazis during World War II, is organized each year by Temple Israel's Shoah Remembrance Committee. The committee, chaired by Lori Oppenheimer, also plans the congregation's Kristallnacht observance.

"Each survivor has an amazing story to tell," Mrs. Oppenheimer said. "We owe it to them to hear their heroic story of survival and remember the lives lost."



# Cantor Frieder Performance Celebrates Improved Jewish-Catholic Relations

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were invited to participate in the concert by Cantor Nathan Lam of the Stephen Wise Temple in Los Angeles. Cantor Lam is a past president of the Cantors' Assembly, the international association of cantors affiliated with Conservative Judaism, and was instrumental in organizing the event.

"The synagogue is very beautiful, very large and has amazing acoustics," Cantor Frieder said. It was constructed shortly after the unification of Italy in 1870 on the banks of the Tiber River and has elements of Assyrian-Babylonian, Egyptian and Greco-Roman architecture. Several popes have visited the synagogue, including Pope Francis in 2016. At that time, he repeated several times the words first spoken by Pope John Paul, saying that Jews were the "elder brothers" of Christians. Pope Francis added "elder sisters" to the words of his predecessor.

Cantor Frieder, who performed two solos as well as three songs with Cantors Lam and Barnoy, said he was looking for ecumenical pieces to sing. At the request of the Israeli ambassador to the Vatican, he sang Max Janowski's "Malkeinu," which was made famous by Barbara Streisand. His second solo piece was the K'dushah "Shema Yisrael" segment, composed by Abraham Ellstein, which he sings during Shabbat services at Temple Israel at times.

Rabbi Waxman, Temple Israel's late senior rabbi, as the leader of several worldwide Jewish organizations, sought to improve Jewish relations with the Catholic Church. He met with Pope John Paul a number of times, both at the Vatican and during the Pope's visit to the United States.

Among those in attendance were the Israeli Ambassador to the Vatican, Oren David; the secretary of State of the Vatican, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, who is the second highest authority in the Church after the Pope; and the Chief Rabbi of Rome, Riccardo Shmuel Di Segni. The three dignitaries opened the program, offering their greetings and



Rome's Great Synagogue celebrated improved Catholic-Jewish relations.

comments about the event.

This was not Cantor Frieder's first involvement in an international interfaith event. In the 1980s, while holding a position as a chazzan in London, he sang a concert at Nôtre Dame Cathedral in Paris with the Krakow Symphony and Choir. He sang the solo baritone in Schubert's Hebrew setting of Psalm 92, the Psalm for Shabbat. He was congratulated by Cardinal Lustiger, who said it was the first time that anything had been sung or chanted in Hebrew at Nôtre Dame.

In 2009, Cantor Frieder participated in the Cantors Assembly "mission" to Poland, during which he performed in a concert at the Warsaw Opera House. He sang the world premiere of a composition by Charles Fox. The text is based on a note that Pope John Paul II placed in the Kotel during his visit to Israel.

Cantor Frieder spent three days in Rome right after Shavuot, and then returned to Temple Israel in time for Shabbat services.

## Congregation Thanks Kiddush Sponsors

A contribution towards the kiddush on March 23 was made by Elena and Babak Mirjani in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Cayla.

A contribution towards the kiddush on March 30 was made by Parnaz and Mehran Kohanim in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Lauren Leah.

Contributions toward the kiddush on April 6 were made by Michelle and Golan Landerer in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Benjamin, and by Melissa and Bobby Zargari in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Tyler.

Contributions toward the kiddush on April 13 were made by Jessica and Michael Noghrei in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Emily, and by Nazee and Parviz Botesazan in honor of the Auf Ruf of their son, Joshua, and Laleh Simani.

The congregational kiddush on April 20 was sponsored by the family of Sam Husney in honor of Mr. Husney's special birthday.

A contribution towards the kiddush on May 4 was made by Sharon and Kevin Hyman in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Zachary.

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# From the Rabbi: Both In

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I repressed it at times, I was generally well aware of the relentless, unsettling concern and anxiety I felt throughout our son's ordeal. And so at a certain point I wondered, why not include my name in this prayer? Why shouldn't the prayer for our son's physical and spiritual healing reflect the anxiety, hope and love of both of his parents?

I decided to include both of our names. Insofar as we called our son to the Torah when he became Bar Mitzvah using both of our names, because both of us are connected to the educational and moral underpinnings that bring him to the public realm, it felt right to include both of our names in the prayer for healing because both of us are deeply invested in his physical and spiritual well-being.

Clearly there are many variables involved when it comes to the details of these

## Community Broadening

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particular, requires us to rethink membership models, outreach beyond the Great Neck community, how we deliver services, expand programming and grow the presence and standing of Temple Israel into a broadening community.

We have done a lot in the past few years towards these ends—and we have a lot more to do. I'm not suggesting that our survival depends on it. But certainly, we will all benefit from creativity and change. I and an incredible group of Executive Board members and Board members have a growing range of ideas we might consider as we move forward to expand the Temple Israel community.

Many of you, I am sure, have your own thoughts and suggestions, and I am eager to hear them. Email is the easiest —burtonweston@mac.com—but I will be around the synagogue more frequently than ever. Stop me, talk with me. I know many of you, but not everyone. So, introduce yourself. My commitment to you over the next two years as president is that I will listen, try, and work hard for the synagogue and its future.

practices. Some people have two mothers or two fathers. Some people have only one parent who is or was significantly involved in their lives. Some people prefer to use the traditional approach regardless of their personal circumstances. While we encourage people to use both of their parents' names in general, we ultimately leave it up to the individual to determine how to proceed in each situation.

Beyond the details regarding these rituals lie larger questions of parental legacy and concern and the role gender plays. We know that fathers and mothers alike educate, advocate, worry, and embrace. Whatever generalizations we might make about gender and parenting ought to be considered against the backdrop of the full range of concerns that parents have for their children regardless of the parents' gender. I hope that parents across the board will not be inhibited by generalizations and stereotypes, but will rather feel free to follow their own parental instincts.

Our tradition throughout the generations

has offered teachings that recognize the range of parental impact on children irrespective of gender. The book of Proverbs urges each child to heed "the ethics of your father, the Torah of your mother." The High Holy Day liturgy asks God to have compassion upon us the way that a father has compassion on his children. The Shekhina is often described as a mother who protects and advocates for her children.

Deanna and I both felt enormous gratitude years ago when our son was first called to the Torah as a Jewish adult and we both felt profound relief recently when we realized that he was moving toward healing.

Regarding the full range of reactions and responsibilities that parents feel toward children, I urge us to add, rather than subtract. To include, rather than exclude.

When it comes to the public and private well-being of our children, "both in" strikes me as the best way to proceed.

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## D'var Torah

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the neighboring countries. The future of Israel now seems bright, indeed, but the promise is immediately dashed when the people are enticed to participate in the idolatrous cult of Baal-peor. The unique relationship with God is still not firmly enough established.

### **Pinehas                      Saturday, July 27**

Pinehas, the grandson of Aaron, is rewarded for his zeal in dealing summarily with the idolatry of Baal-peor by having the priesthood become the possession of his descendants for all time in this portion. Preparations now turn to the conquest of the Promised Land. Moses takes a census of the generation born in the wilderness to determine the number of fighting men and the number of families who would share in the division of the land. God gives Moses instructions for apportioning the land, and we learn of a decision affirming the right of daughters to inherit property when there are no sons. Moses is told to ascend the mountain to prepare to die and to designate Joshua as his successor. The

reading concludes with a calendar of the festivals of the year and the public sacrifices that are to be offered daily and on every Shabbat and festival after the Israelites have entered the land. Maintaining this calendar is to be a means of tying together God, the land and the People of Israel.

### **Mattot-Mas'ey            Saturday, August 3**

With the double portion Mattot-Mas'ey the Book of Numbers concludes. The sedrot deal with a variety of laws and occurrences revolving around the conquest of the Promised Land. The six cities of refuge express the Biblical theological postulate that the divine presence cannot abide in a land so polluted by murder; the offense leads to pollution of earth and abandonment by God of His sanctuary and people. Thus, homicide and asylum are mentioned here, as issues and institutions regaining attention on the eve of entering the Promised Land. Asylum was necessary because of the prevalence of blood vengeance in the ancient Near East. The narrative of the sedrot is preoccupied with the final

events preceding the entering of the Promised Land. The Israelites have to defeat the Midianite foes, slaying the Midianite men as well as those women implicated in the apostasy at Baal-peor. Spoils are divided and Trans-Jordan is occupied. This is problematic because the Tribes of Gad and Reuben wish to settle there, rather than settling in the Promised Land. Moses accepts a compromise: in return for the privilege of settling in Trans-Jordan. They will serve as shock troops for the forthcoming conquest. Finally, Israel turns its attention to the conquest and apportionment of Canaan. The Divine instructions to Moses are clear and logically sequential: conquest and apportionment of the land, definition of precise boundaries, designation of chieftains, the appropriation of 45 towns for the Levites, and six Levitical towns as cities of refuge. As religious functionaries, the Levites always received special dispensation, in this case receiving no permanent property, but permanent residences and pasturage for their livestock, via towns and their surrounding fields.

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## D'var Torah

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

### Balak Saturday, July 20

In this portion, Balak, King of Moab, becomes alarmed at the victory of the Israelites over the Amorites. Fearing that the Israelites are too powerful to defeat in battle, Balak sends messengers to the renowned prophet Balaam in Mestopotamia to summon him to Moab in order to curse the Israelites. At first God instructs Balaam that he is not to go. Balak, however, sends a second set of messengers to plead with Balaam, and God agrees that the prophet can go to Moab on the clear understanding that he will only speak as God commands him. Once in Moab, Balaam blesses the Israelites three different times instead of cursing them. Balak is furious and sends the prophet home, but Balaam first prophesies the destruction of Moab and

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### Friday, July 19

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Sisterhood's "Shabbat in

Romania" Dinner and

Program Featuring

Guest Speaker:

Barbara Schultz

### Saturday, July 20

Shaharit Morning Service/ 8:45 A.M.

Shabbat Morning Group Aliyah

First Mourner's Kaddish 9:25 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Balak

Numbers 22:2 – 25:9

Haftarah: Micah 5:6 – 6:8

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Afternoon Service 7:45 P.M.

Se'udah Shelishit 8:15 P.M.

Evening Service 8:49 P.M.

Havdalah 9:05 P.M.

### Friday, July 26

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

### Saturday, July 27

Shaharit Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

First Mourner's Kaddish 9:25 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Pinehas

Numbers 25:10 – 30:1

Haftarah: Jeremiah 1:1 – 2:3

Havurah Service 10:00 A.M.

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Afternoon Service 7:40 P.M.

Se'udah Shelishit 8:10 P.M.

Evening Service 8:43 P.M.

Havdalah 8:59 P.M.

### Friday, August 2

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

### Saturday, August 3

Shaharit Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

First Mourner's Kaddish 9:25 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Mattot-Mas'ey

Numbers 30:2 – 36:13

Haftarah: Jeremiah 2:4 - 28; 3:4; 4:1 - 2

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Afternoon Service 7:35 P.M.

Se'udah Shelishit 8:05 P.M.

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